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GLENDALE, ARIZONA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEFRAUDING SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, and the Office of the Inspector General/Social Security Administration, announced that on January 7, 2002 EMILY L. HOLLEY entered a plea of guilty to a one-count Criminal Indictment for defrauding Social Security programs of \$13,835.00. The Criminal Indictment, resulting from an investigation conducted by Special Agents from the Phoenix office of the Social Security Administration/Office of Inspector General, charged Theft of Government Property.

According to the Indictment, between 1995 and 1999, **HOLLEY** concealed her employment from Social Security officials while receiving \$13,835.00 in Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income benefits. Sentencing before United States District Judge Susan R. Bolton is scheduled for April 1, 2002. **HOLLEY** faces a maximum penalty of imprisonment for not more than ten years or a fine of \$250,000.00, or both.

The criminal prosecution is the result of a joint effort between the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona and the Social Security Administration/Office of the Inspector General to identify and prosecute fraud against Social Security benefit programs. The prosecution is being handled by John K. Webb, Special Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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